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The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), one of the Institutes of the National Institutes of Health, supports and conducts research and research training on the normal and disordered processes of **hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language.** NIDCD also develops and disseminates health information, based on scientific discovery, to health professionals, patients, educators, industry, and the general public. The NIDCD Information Clearinghouse, a service of the NIDCD, helps collect and disseminate materials and provides TOLL FREE numbers to access available information.

The Directory is designed to encourage networking among individuals and organizations with an interest in human communication or associated diseases. Entries identify the scope of each organization's materials or services and provide contact information by all available methods. The descriptions in the Directory were provided by the organizations themselves. The inclusion of an organization does not imply an endorsement by NIDCD.

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AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people 50 and over. AARP provides information and resources; advocates on legislative, consumer, and legal issues; assists members to serve their communities; and offers a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and services for members. These benefits include AARP Webplace at www.aarp.org, *Modern Maturity* and *My Generation* magazines, and the monthly *AARP Bulletin*. Active in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP celebrates the attitude that age is just a number and life is what you make of it. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Modern Maturity, *My Generation*, *AARP Bulletin* (monthly)

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The Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology (ARA) was founded in 1966 as a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and experience related to rehabilitative aspects of audiology and associated disciplines. Membership in ARA is open to professionals holding a graduate degree in audiology or speech-language pathology or in the education of persons with hearing impairment. Associate and student memberships are also available. Holds annual summer institute; contact ARA for date and location. Professional newsletter/bulletin, professional directory, and professional monographs/books.

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An acoustic neuroma, also called vestibular shwannoma, is a slow-growing, benign tumor that develops in the balance portion of the eighth cranial nerve. Early symptoms include hearing loss, balance problems, and tinnitus. ANA is a patient organization providing information and support to those affected by acoustic neuroma. ANA publishes a quarterly newsletter, makes available patient booklets, presents a national symposium, provides local support groups, promotes research, and maintains an interactive web site. Contact ASA for date and location of national symposium. Consumer newsletter/bulletin and consumer online publications.

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Publications:
JADARA: A Journal for Professionals Networking for Excellence in Service Delivery with Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, ADARA Update (newsletter)

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The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (A.G. Bell) is a membership-based information center on hearing loss, emphasizing the use of technology, speech, speechreading, residual hearing, and written and spoken language. A.G. Bell focuses specifically on children with hearing loss, providing ongoing support and advocacy for parents, professionals, and other interested parties. Holds biennial convention; contact A.G. Bell for date and location. Professional/consumer brochures/pamphlets, and professional/consumer monographs/books. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
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The American Academy of Audiology (AAA) is a professional organization of individuals dedicated to providing quality hearing care to the public. The Academy enhances the ability of its members to achieve career and practice objectives through professional development, education, research, and increased public awareness of hearing disorders and audiologic services. Holds annual convention; contact AAA for date and location. Professional newsletter/bulletin, professional directory, professional fact sheets, professional/consumer online publications, and professional computer software/assisted education. Some Spanish materials are available. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
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The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS) is the largest association of facial plastic and reconstructive surgeons in the world. AAFPRS members perform cosmetic and reconstructive surgery on the face, head, and neck, and perform most of the nasal plastic surgery in the United States. The Academy's bylaws provide that AAFPRS fellows be board-certified surgeons with training and experience in facial plastic surgery and fellows of the American College of Surgeons or the Royal College of Surgeons. By calling AAFPRS, people contemplating facial plastic surgery can receive information about such surgery and the names of AAFPRS fellows in their area who have chosen to participate in the Facial Plastic Surgery Information Service, Inc. Professional/consumer directory, brochures, fact sheets, and books. Some Spanish materials are available.

Publications:
Facial Plastic Times (monthly professional newsletter), *Facial Plastic Surgery Today* (quarterly consumer newsletter)

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The American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), a nonprofit association, strives to unite, serve, and represent the interests of ear, nose, and throat specialists and their patients to the public, government, other medical specialists, and related organizations. The AAO-HNS provides leaflets and geographic lists of physicians to the public at no charge. Holds annual meeting; contact AAO-HNS for date and

location. Professional newsletter/ bulletin, professional directory, professional/consumer fact sheets, professional/consumer brochures/pamphlets, professional/consumer online publications, professional monographs/books, professional computer software/computer-assisted education, professional/consumer audiovisuals, and professional reports. Some Spanish materials are available. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (professional journal), *The Bulletin* (professional news magazine)

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Description:
The AAAS Project on Science, Technology, and Disability was founded in 1975 as a project of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to improve the entry and advancement of people with disabilities in science, math, and engineering. The project links people with disabilities and their families, professors, teachers, and counselors with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers who have disabilities and can share their coping strategies in technical fields. AAAS offers competitive summer internships for Students with Disabilities in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science. Additional internship information is available on the web site.

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Description:
The mission of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB) is to ensure that all deaf-blind persons achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community. Holds biennial conference; contact AADB for date and location. Some materials available in braille.

Publications:
Deaf-Blind American (quarterly)

American Auditory Society (AAS)

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Description:
The purpose of the American Auditory Society (AAS) is to increase knowledge and understanding of the ear, hearing, and balance; their disorders and how these may be prevented; and habilitation and rehabilitation of individuals with hearing and balance dysfunction. The Society coordinates and disseminates information, particularly through regular meetings, sponsorships, and publication of professional, scientific, educational, and information media. Holds annual meeting; contact AAS for date and location. Professional newsletter/bulletin.

Publications:
Ear and Hearing (bimonthly professional journal), *Bulletin of the American Auditory Society* (professional newsletter)

American Broncho-Esophagological Association (ABEA)

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Description:
The American Broncho-Esophagological Association (ABEA) is an association of physicians with interest in the function and diseases of the upper aerodigestive tract and the relevant applications of endoscopy. The goals of the organization are to educate and update physicians in evaluating and managing aerodigestive tract disorders; to stimulate and support basic and clinical research; to advocate and support endoscopy training in residency and fellowship programs; and to provide information useful to patients, industry, scientists, physicians, and other health care professionals at a national otolaryngology meeting. Contact ABEA for date and location of annual meeting.

American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) and Cleft Palate Foundation (CPF)

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Description:
The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) is an international nonprofit association of over 2,500 health care professionals in over 40 countries who are involved in treatment and/or research of cleft lip, cleft palate, and other craniofacial abnormalities. The purpose of the ACPA is to encourage the improvement of scientific clinical services to people with cleft lip/palate and associated craniofacial anomalies. The Cleft Palate Foundation (CPF) is the public service arm of ACPA. Its primary purpose is to educate and assist the public regarding cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies and to encourage research in the field. Holds annual convention; contact ACPA or CPF for date and location. Directory, professional/consumer fact sheets, and brochures. Some Spanish materials are available.

Publications:
Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal (professional journal)

American Hearing Research Foundation (AHRF)

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Description:
The American Hearing Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose purposes are to promote, conduct, and furnish financial assistance for medical research into the causes, prevention, and cure of deafness, impaired hearing, and balance disorders; encourage the collaboration of clinical and laboratory research; encourage and improve teaching in the medical aspect of hearing problems; and disseminate the latest and most reliable scientific knowledge to physicians, hearing professionals, and the public. Professional/consumer newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, professional/consumer computer software/assisted education, professional/consumer audiovisuals, and professional/consumer reports.

American Laryngeal Papilloma Foundation (ALPF)

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Description:
The purpose of the American Laryngeal Papilloma Foundation (ALPF) is to increase public awareness of laryngeal papillomatosis, raise funds to help defray the costs associated with medical treatment, form a national register of people with laryngeal papillomatosis, promote their health and welfare, and provide funds to reputable organizations engaged in research into its prevention and cure. Holds biannual board meetings; contact ALPF for dates and locations. Professional newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, online publications, and professional reports. Some Latin materials are available.

American Laryngological Association (ALA)

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Description:
The American Laryngological Association (ALA) promotes the study of science of medicine/surgery, devoting special attention to the upper aerodigestive tract, engaging in and encouraging research, and seeking elevation of standards of fundamental study/teaching of rhinology/laryngology in the undergraduate and postgraduate medical schools of America. The ALA publishes its annual proceedings and honors those who by contributions in the field of rhinology/ laryngology have aided in its advancement. Holds annual meeting; contact ALA for date and location.

American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society (ALROS)

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Description:
The American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society (also known as the Triological Society) is a national society of otolaryngologists and head and neck surgeons. The society provides continuing education opportunities for its members through its meetings. Four section meetings and an annual meeting are held each year; contact the society for dates and locations.

Publications:
The Laryngoscope (monthly professional journal), *Triologistics* (triquarterly professional newsletter).

American Neurotology Society (ANS)

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Description:
The American Neurotology Society (ANS) is composed of physicians and audiologists devoted to the fields of neurotology and otology. ANS holds two scientific meetings each year that are open to anyone in the health sciences, particularly those with

major areas of interest related to hearing and balance. Contact ANS for date and location of scientific meetings.

Publications:
American Journal of Otology (professional journal)

American Otological Society (AOS)

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Description:
The American Otological Society (AOS) is a professional organization whose mission is to advance and promote medical and surgical otology, including the rehabilitation of hearing impairment, and to encourage and promote research in otology and related disciplines. Holds annual meeting; contact AOS for date and location.

Publications:
American Journal of Otology and *Transactions of the AOS*

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Description:
The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is a national organization of families and professionals committed to educating, empowering, and supporting parents and families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The ASDC helps families find meaningful communication options, particularly through the competent use of sign language, in their home, school, and com-

munity. Holds biennial convention; contact ASDC for date and location. Consumer brochures.

Publications:
The Endeavor (quarterly consumer newsletter)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

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Description:
The mission of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is to promote the interests of and provide the highest quality services for professions in audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech and hearing science, and to advocate for people with communication disabilities. Holds annual conference; contact ASHA for date and location. Professional brochures/pamphlets, professional/consumer online publications. Some Spanish materials are available.
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Publications:
ASHA (quarterly professional journal); *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research* (bimonthly professional journal); *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools* (quarterly professional journal); *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology* (quarterly professional journal); and *American Journal of Audiology* (professional journal, three issues per year)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASH Foundation)

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Description:
The mission of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASH Foundation) is to support the advancement of knowledge and improvement of practice in serving children and adults with speech, language, or hearing disorders. The ASH Foundation supports research, graduate scholarships, and special projects that facilitate innovative directions in the field of communication sciences and disorders. It is a private organization supported, in part, by the tax-deductible contributions of individuals, corporations, and organizations. Informational materials and funding guidelines. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

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Description:
The mission of the American Tinnitus Association (ATA) is to silence tinnitus through education, advocacy, research, and support. This nonprofit organization provides the latest information and resources to tinnitus patients, promotes tinnitus awareness to the general public and the medical community, and funds the nation's brightest tinnitus researchers. Consumer directory, professional/consumer fact sheets, consumer brochures/pamphlets,

and professional/consumer online publications. Some Spanish materials are available. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Tinnitus Today (quarterly journal)

Aphasia Hope Foundation (AHF)

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Description:
The Aphasia Hope Foundation (AHF) aims to educate the public about aphasia and its effects, while supporting those suffering from aphasia in any way possible. Services include an electronic bulletin board, information on funding and financial support, support groups, and patient/public education.

Association for Chemoreception Sciences (AChemS)

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Description:
The Association for Chemoreception Sciences (AChemS) is the largest international professional organization of research scientists who study chemical senses (taste and smell). The purpose of AChemS is to advance the understanding of chemical senses by bringing together individuals from all scientific disciplines who can contribute to that understanding; by promoting chemosensory research in both scientific and nonscientific communities; and by serving as a source for information on chemosensory research

and researchers. Holds annual meeting; contact AChemS for date and location. Professional newsletter and directory.

Publications:
Chemical Senses (professional journal)

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Description:
The Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO) is an international scientific society of researchers who investigate basic science and clinical problems associated with hearing, speech, balance, smell, taste, and diseases of the head and neck. Among the ARO's goals are to encourage and promote research, both basic and clinical, in the broad field of otolaryngology and related areas, and to foster friendly assembly and stimulate scientific interest among its members. Holds midwinter research meeting; contact ARO for date and location. Professional directory.

Publications:
ARO News (professional newsletter)

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Description:
The mission of the Association of Academic Physiatrists (AAP) is to promote excellence in education, research, and practice of physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R) in the academic arena. To accomplish this, the AAP facilitates the exchange of ideas and information on teaching the art and science of PM&R. AAP promotes the dissemination of information and academic life skills to future physicians who will be practicing PM&R and encourages information exchange with other fields of medicine. Holds annual conference; contact AAP for date and location. Professional newsletter, brochures, and residency training directory.

Publications:
American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)*

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Description:
The Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA) serves as a resource center providing information and referrals, self-help, and support groups for people deafened as adults. ALDA works to increase public awareness of the special needs of deafened adults. Holds annual conference; contact ALDA for date and location. Professional/consumer directory, proceedings of conventions, fact sheets. Some Spanish materials are available.
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*2000 data. For updated information, call (800) 241–1044.

Publications:
ALDA News, ALDA Biz, ALDA Reader, Leader Letter, ALDA Best, Now What?

Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)

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Description:
The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) is the national association representing University Centers for Excellence (UCEs), Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Programs, and Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Resource Centers (MRDDRCs). The mission of AUCD is to help member agencies enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through interdisciplinary training, technical assistance, dissemination of information, and research. Holds annual meeting; contact AUCD for date and location. Professional newsletter/bulletin, reports, professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Auditory-Verbal International (AVI)

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Description:
Auditory-Verbal International, Inc. (AVI), is a private nonprofit international organization whose mission is to provide the choice of listening and speaking as the way of life for children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing. Holds biennal conference; contact AVI for date and location. Quarterly newsletter, professional directory, educational scholarship opportunities for members.

Educational workshops for professional and lay communities and Auditory-Verbal Certification are provided once a year.

Autism Society of America

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Description:
The mission of the Autism Society of America (ASA) is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families to be fully included, participating members of their communities through advocacy, public awareness, education, and research related to autism. Holds annual conference; contact ASA for date and location.

Beginnings for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc. (Beginnings)

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Description:
Beginnings provides support and information in an impartial manner to parents and professionals dealing with deaf and hard of hearing issues in children. It also provides impartial information on communication options, placement, and educational programs; workshops for professional personnel who work with children who are deaf and hard of hearing; and advocacy and support for young people. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact

sheets, brochures, parent manual, and reports. Some Spanish materials available.

Better Hearing Institute (BHI)

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Description:
The Better Hearing Institute (BHI) is a nonprofit educational organization that implements national public information programs on hearing loss and available medical, surgical, hearing aid, and rehabilitation assistance for millions of Americans with uncorrected hearing problems. BHI's award-winning series of television, radio, and print public service messages includes many celebrities who overcame hearing loss. BHI maintains a toll-free "Hearing Helpline" that provides information on hearing loss and hearing information to callers in the United States and Canada. Informational brochures available.
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Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc. (BDRC)

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Description:
Birth Defect Research for Children (BDRC) gives parents and expectant parents information about specific birth defects, their causes and treatments, support group referrals, and parent matching services. BDRC also provides information about environmental exposures that may be associated with birth defects. To study these exposures further, BDRC sponsors the National Birth Defect Registry, a research project that collects data on all kinds of birth defects and prenatal/preconception exposures of

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Boys Town National Research Hospital (BTNRH)

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Description:
The Boys Town National Research Hospital is internationally recognized for research into and treatment of childhood deafness and communication disorders. Research is conducted in 20 state-of-the-art laboratories and represents three broad areas: neurobiological studies of hearing; hereditary communication disorders; and clinical, educational, and behavioral studies of human communication. Clinical programs include the Center for Audiology and Vestibular Services; the Center for Childhood Deafness, Language, and Learning; and the Center for Medical/Surgical Services. A Center for the study and treatment of Usher Syndrome was recently established. Holds annual conference on Issues in Language and Deafness; contact BTNRH for date and location. Professional monographs/ books, reports, computer software/assisted education, newsletter, brochures, consumer directory and audiovisuals, professional/consumer fact sheets, and online publications.

Brain Injury Association (BIA)

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Description:
The mission of the Brain Injury Association (BIA) is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education, and advocacy. The BIA Helpline offers professional brain injury specialists and education materials and conferences. Holds annual conferences; contact BIA for dates and locations. Professional journal, consumer newsletter and brochures/pamphlets, professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, and online publications.

Captioned Media Program (CMP), National Association of the Deaf

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Description:
The Captioned Media Program (CMP) is a free-loan collection of approximately 4,000 titles. Theatrical, special-interest, and educational titles are open-captioned and available free of charge to any American with a hearing loss, or to any hearing person involved with hearing loss, such as parents and teachers. Educational videos come complete with a free lesson guide for teachers. Funding for the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Education. Some materials available in Spanish.

Center for Hearing Loss in Children (CHLIC)

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Description:
The Center for Hearing Loss in Children unites professionals from a variety of disciplines to focus on research, research training, information dissemination, and continuing education in the area of childhood deafness. The center, housed at Boys Town National Research Hospital, conducts research on the development of the best techniques for early identification of hearing loss, evaluation of amplification, genetics of hearing loss, studies of speech development, and critical stages in the development of hearing. The center provides information for parents and the public and continuing education for professionals. The center was one of the National Multipurpose Research and Training Centers supported by NIDCD. Holds annual conference on Issues in Language and Deafness; contact CHLIC for date and location. Professional monographs/books, computer software/assisted education, professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, audiovisuals.

Center on Human Policy (CHP)

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Description:
The Center on Human Policy is a Syracuse University–based policy, research, and advocacy organization involved in the national movement to ensure the rights of people with disabilities. The Center is involved in a broad range of local, statewide, national, and international activities, including policy studies, research, information and referral, advocacy, training and consultation, and information dissemination. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, monographs/

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Description:
Central Institute for the Deaf (CID) is a private, nonprofit institute composed of research laboratories in which scientists study the normal aspects as well as the disorders of hearing, language, and speech; a school for children who have hearing impairments; speech, language, and hearing clinics; and professional education programs in audiology, education of people with hearing impairment, and speech and hearing sciences. CID's mission is to serve hearing-impaired people worldwide through the promotion and achievement of excellence in oral education, graduate studies, scientific research, and clinical service. Professional newsletter, online publications, and computer software/assisted education.

Children of Deaf Adults International, Inc. (CODA)

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Description:
Children of Deaf Adults International, Inc. (CODA), promotes family awareness and individual growth in hearing children of deaf parents. CODA provides educational opportunities, promotes self-help, organizes advocacy efforts, and acts as a resource

for the membership and various communities. Holds annual conference; contact CODA for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures, and books.

Cochlear Implant Association, Inc. (CIAI)

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Internet: www.cici.org

Description:
Cochlear Implant Association, Inc. (CIAI), is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support to cochlear implant users, health professionals, and the general public. CIAI distributes educational materials, organizes national and international meetings and conventions, promotes cochlear implant technology and deafness research, and advocates on all governmental levels for the rights and services of people who have impaired hearing. Holds biennial convention; contact CIAI for date and location. Professional/consumer directory and consumer fact sheets/brochures.

Publications:
Contact (quarterly professional/consumer journal)

Communication Aid Manufacturers Association (CAMA)

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Description:
The members of the Communication Aid Manufacturers Association (CAMA) are the world's leading manufacturers of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) technology.

CAMA promotes understanding of the software and hardware that are most appropriate for users and teaches functional use in a variety of speaking situations. Each year, CAMA sponsors AAC workshops throughout North America demonstrating the variety of products from leading manufacturers of AAC technology. CAMA also distributes catalogs of current product information available from members on request. Professional/consumer brochures and pamphlets.

Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD)

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Description:
Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) is a world leader in providing broad-based quality human service programs and telecommunication relay services for consumers who are deaf and hard of hearing. CSD has a staff of more than 2,000 people in facilities across the United States. CSD endeavors to increase opportunities for greater independence, ensure communication accessibility, and promote public awareness of issues affecting everyone who is deaf or hard of hearing. Holds annual symposium on childhood deafness; contact CSD for date and location. Professional/consumer directory, newsletter, fact sheets, and brochures. Some materials available in braille.

Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD)

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Internet: www.ceasd.org

Description:
The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) is an association of schools and programs involved with the education of deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Founded in 1868, CEASD is committed to the promotion of excellence within a continuum of equitable educational opportunities for children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing. At the national level, CEASD serves as an advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing with governmental bodies that establish educational policy and implement federal legislation. Holds annual convention; contact CEASD for date and location. Professional journal, newsletter, directory, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Connecticut Chemosensory Clinical Research Center (CCCRC)

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Description:
The Connecticut Chemosensory Clinical Research Center (CCCRC) conducts basic and clinical research on chemosensory systems. At the heart of the center is the Taste and Smell Clinic (TASC), run by a multidisciplinary team of clinicians dedicated to developing ways of evaluating and treating patients with chemosensory disorders. Data from the thorough TASC evaluation enables the CCCRC to maintain an extensive research database on chemosensory problems. The CCCRC receives support from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Professional journal, consumer fact sheets, and online publications.

Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID)

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Description:
The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (CAID) is an organization that promotes professional development, communication, and information exchange among educators of people who are deaf or hard of hearing and other interested individuals. Holds biennial convention; contact CAID for date and location. Professional journal, newsletter, and online publications.

Publications:
American Annals of the Deaf (professional journal), *News 'n Notes* (newsletter)

Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)

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Description:
The main objective of the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) is to provide education, information, and guidance to industry and those serving industry on the successful implementation of an occupational hearing conservation program. Professional newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

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Internet: www.cec.sped.org

Description:
The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational success for individuals with exceptionalities: students with disabilities and/or gifts. CEC advocates for appropriate government policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice. Holds annual convention; contact CEC for date and location. Professional journal, brochures, and newsletter.

Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)

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Description:
The Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD) is an international organization of and for professionals who represent diverse disciplines and who are committed to enhancing the education and development of people with learning disabilities. CLD establishes standards of excellence and promotes innovative strategies for

research and practice. Holds annual conference; contact CLD for date and location.

Publications:
Learning Disability Quarterly and "LD Forum" (an insert in *Intervention in School and Clinic*)

Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD)

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Description:
The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) is an organization of university programs in speech-language pathology; audiology; and speech, language, and hearing sciences. It represents over 2,000 faculty and administrators from universities in the United States and abroad. CAPCSD advocates for academic programs in communication sciences and disorders and facilitates information exchange among programs and personnel. It also serves as an advisory group to professional associations, legislative bodies, and Government agencies. Holds annual conference; contact CAPCSD for date and location. Professional directory, brochures/pamphlets, and reports.

Publications:
Quarterly Status Report (professional newsletter)

Council on Education of the Deaf (CED)

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Description:
The Council on Education of the Deaf (CED) is a national professional organization responsible for setting and implementing policy related to education of deaf and hard of hearing students in schools. This includes setting certification standards and certifying teachers, and setting accreditation standards and evaluating university teacher preparation programs for accreditation approval. Established in 1930, CED has fostered cooperative networks in the field of education of deaf students. The CED Board is composed of representatives from its six member organizations: AGB, CEASD, CAID, ACE-DHH, NAD, and ASDC. Professional online publications and standards manual.

Cure Autism Now (CAN)

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Description:
Cure Autism Now (CAN) is a nonprofit research organization dedicated to accelerating and funding critical biological research for effective treatments, prevention, and a cure for autism and related disorders. Professional/consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Deafness Research Foundation (DRF) and the National Campaign for Hearing Health (NCHH)

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Internet: www.drf.org and www.hearinghealth.net

Description:
The Deafness Research Foundation (DRF) is the largest privately funded health organization committed to finding the causes, treatment, and prevention of all forms of hearing loss. Since 1958, DRF has disbursed more than $21 million in seed grants to promising young scientists and established researchers who are exploring new avenues of hearing research. In March 1999, DRF launched its National Campaign for Hearing Health (NCHH), a public education and advocacy initiative. The campaign advocates for detection, prevention, intervention, and research to ensure a lifetime of hearing health for everyone. Holds biennial board of directors meeting; contact DRF/NCHH for date and location. Professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, brochures, and free earplugs. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
The Hearing Health Advocate (newsletter)

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Description:
Disability, Inc./Sign Language USA, Inc. (formerly Capital Communications for the Deaf, Inc.), provides sign language interpreters and support services for people with disabilities, including assistance with home mortgages, legal services, and product information and accessibility status of places and businesses. Professional newsletter, fact sheets, and brochures. Some Spanish materials are available.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.

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Internet: dogsforthedeaf.org

Description:
Dogs for the Deaf, Inc., rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to respond to environmental sounds such as smoke alarms, door bells, alarm clocks, baby cries, telephones, and people calling the person's name. The dogs are also obedience trained and socialized. They are then placed nationwide and in Canada, free of charge, with deaf and hard of hearing applicants who want and need the benefits of a professionally trained Hearing Dog. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, and online publications.

Dyslexia Research Institute (DRI)

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Description:
The goal of the Dyslexia Research Institute (DRI) is to expand the knowledge of parents and professionals in the area of dyslexia

and attention-deficit disorders. Direct instruction is provided through a full multisensoral curriculum for both adults and children. DRI provides instruction through informational seminars, teacher training, and advocacy/consultation. Research papers available.

The EAR Foundation

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Internet: www.earfoundation.org

Description:
The goal of the EAR Foundation is to integrate people who have hearing impairments into the mainstream of society through public awareness and medical education. The foundation administers the Ménière's Network, a national network of patient support groups that provides people with the opportunity to share experiences and coping strategies. Contact the foundation for information on support group meetings. Consumer newsletter and brochures/pamphlets. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Steady (Ménière's Network newsletter), *The Otoscope* (EAR Foundation consumer/professional newsletter)

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Description:
Easter Seals' mission is to create solutions that change the lives of children and adults with disabilities, their families, and their communities. Easter Seals operates 450 sites in the United States. Five primary services are inclusive child care, adult day centers, job training and employment, medical rehabilitation, and camping and recreation programs.

Educational Equity Concepts, Inc. (EEC)

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Description:
Educational Equity Concepts, Inc. (EEC), is a national nonprofit organization that creates programs and materials to help educators provide bias-free learning environments and activities. Its mission is to decrease discrimination in education based on gender, race/ethnicity, and disability. Beginning with preschool, EEC works directly with teachers, parents, children, administrators, and advocacy groups spanning the educational continuum. EEC produces a directory of services for women and girls with disabilities. Informational brochures available.

The Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB)

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E-mail: info@blindness.org
Internet: www.blindness.org

Description:
The urgent mission of The Foundation Fighting Blindness is to fund the research that will discover the causes, treatments, preventive methods, and cures for retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, Stargardt disease, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. Services include information and referral services for affected individuals and their families as well as doctors and eye care professionals. Holds annual conference; contact the foundation for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, and online publications.

Publications:
Fighting Blindness News (six issues per year)

Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action (FOLDA)

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Description:
FOLDA is a public service of Library for Deaf Action, the deaf-owned business of Alice L. Hagemeyer. Its mission is to ensure full public library access for people with partial or no hearing, their family members, and individuals with interest in deaf culture and hearing loss. Professional fact sheets and professional/consumer online publications.

Gallaudet University (GU) and National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse/Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

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Description:
Gallaudet University is the world's only university in which all programs and services are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students. Gallaudet also offers exemplary educational programs to deaf and hard of hearing students at all learning levels: The Kendall Demonstration Elementary School serves infants through 8th grade, and the Model Secondary School for the deaf offers programs in grades 9 through 12. The Research Institute is a leading center for research on deafness. National and international programs, including regional extension centers, conferences, sign language classes, summer programs, and international outreach, annually serve approximately 33,000 people. Professional/consumer journal, newsletter, fact sheets, online publications, monographs/books, reports, and computer software/assisted education.

The National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse performs a number of functions related to information dissemination at the Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. The Clearinghouse responds to inquiries about a diverse range of topics related to deaf and hard of hearing children from infancy to age 21. The Clearinghouse also collaborates with authors from within the Gallaudet community and around the nation to design, produce, and disseminate books, videotapes, periodicals, and other information related to deaf and hard of hearing children, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, and brochures. Some Spanish materials are available. For inquiries/referrals, contact:

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Description:
The Genetic Alliance is a nonprofit coalition of support groups, consumers, and professionals dedicated to promoting the common interests of children, adults, and families with, or at risk for, genetic conditions. The Alliance specializes in linking people interested in genetic conditions with organizations that can provide support and information. Professional/consumer newsletter, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and a professional directory.

Publications:
Genetic Alliance Alert (monthly newsletter)

Goodwill Industries International, Inc.

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Description:
Goodwill Industries International is a network of 181 local organizations in the United States and Canada and 35 international associate members in 24 other countries. Each organization serves people with disabilities and other needs by providing career training and employment services, as well as job placement opportunities and post-employment support. In 2000, Goodwill Industries International provided services to over 448,000 individuals and placed 77,895 people in jobs with employers in their communities. Magazine available. Some materials available in Spanish.

Hard of Hearing Advocates (HOHA)

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Description:
The goal of Hard of Hearing Advocates (HOHA) is to create and implement programs/solutions in areas where people who are hard of hearing have undue problems. HOHA identifies specific problem areas, develops solutions, and seeks support to implement these solutions. The main focus at this time is seeking support for a massive letter writing campaign to legislators requesting a government study of the conditions faced by the 26 million hard of hearing U.S. citizens. Consumer newsletter, fact sheets, brochures, and a Hearing Awareness Kit for hospitals and medical facilities.

Hear Me Foundation

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Description:
The mission of the Hear Me Foundation is to promote positive life experiences via camp activities and year-round events primarily for oral deaf and hard of hearing children, their siblings, and families. The Hear Me Foundation provides families with the resources to learn specific skills necessary to monitor their child's development, listening, speech, language, and socialization skills. Holds annual meeting (Camp Hear Me); contact the Hear Me Foundation for date and location.

HEAR NOW

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Description:
HEAR NOW, a domestic program of the Starkey Hearing Foundation, provides hearing aids to people with limited financial resources. HEAR NOW is a program of last resort; all other options must be used before service is awarded. HEAR NOW is also involved in increasing public awareness of the need for available and affordable assistive technology for people with hearing impairments. Professional/consumer fact sheets and brochures available.

Hearing Education and Awareness for Rockers (H.E.A.R.)

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Description:
Hearing Education and Awareness for Rockers (H.E.A.R.) has been recognized around the world for its diligent efforts to educate the public on the dangers of excessive noise and to provide adequate hearing protection for musicians and music fans. From public service announcements in mainstream media to information and earplug tables at concerts across the United States, H.E.A.R. is dedicated to promoting awareness of hearing damage. As the grassroots voice of concern between the music and medical communities, H.E.A.R. is determined to make the message heard. Other H.E.A.R. programs include high school textbook collaboration with the National Science Foundation's Active Physics Program, H.E.A.R. affiliates in cities worldwide, custom musicians hearing protection, hearing screening clinics, and hearing health and music online resources. Professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, reports, audiovisuals, online publications, monographs/books, and computer software/assisted education. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Hearing Industries Association (HIA)

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Description:
The Hearing Industries Association (HIA) represents firms that manufacture the majority of the hearing aids and components sold annually in the United States. Holds annual meeting; contact HIA for date and location. Professional newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, reports, and statistical reports.

HEATH Resource Center (National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Disabilities)*

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Description:
The HEATH Resource Center is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education and training for individuals with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them. Support from the U.S. Department of Education enables the Center to serve as an information exchange for educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities. Brochures and pamphlets.

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults (HKNC)

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Description:
The mission of the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC) is to enable all those who are deaf-blind to live and work in the community of their choice. HKNC provides comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training and assistance with job and residential placements. Services in the field include 10 regional offices, 44 affiliated agencies, a National Training Team, the Older Adult

Program, the National Technical Assistance Consortium for Children and Young Adults, and D-B Link. The HKNC serves all Americans who are deaf-blind or have severe vision and hearing impairments. Professional fact sheets and brochures/pamphlets.

Publications:
The Nat-Cent News (three issues per year), *The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind Newsletter* (three issues per year), *Giving Newsletter* (three issues per year)

Holley Ear Institute

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Description:
The Holley Ear Institute, a nonprofit organization founded in 1993, is a consortium of volunteers, doctors, speech pathologists, audiologists, and other volunteer professionals. It conducts summer programs for deaf people (children, adults, multiple handicapped) and their families. A Center for Communication Excellence is located at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The Institute's mission is to assist the deaf and hearing-challenged, provide services and programs aimed at improving their quality of life, and educating local and hospital communities about the deaf world. Holds Audiology Conference; contact Holley Ear Institute for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, brochures/pamphlets, computer-assisted education/computer software and audiovisuals.

Hope for Hearing Research Foundation

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Description:
The purpose of the Hope for Hearing Research Foundation is the stimulation and support of research into the causes and treatment of ear diseases and into the education and rehabilitation of people who are hearing impaired. This is accomplished by giving grants for research and conducting a community outreach program that supplies counseling, support groups, workshops, lip-reading instruction, and a lecture bureau. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and audiovisuals.

House Ear Institute (HEI)

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Description:
The House Ear Institute (HEI) is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of people who have hearing and related disorders, through research and education. Professional/consumer brochures, books, and audiovisuals.
WISE EARS! Coalition Member

Publications:
The Review (newsletter)

Hyperacusis Network

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Description:
The Hyperacusis Network is an international support group established to care for individuals with collapsed tolerance to sound (hyperacusis and recruitment). The Network helps educate the medical community and families about this rare auditory disorder by sharing ways to cope, providing advice on how to secure disability assistance, and reporting on current research and treatment options. Membership is free. Professional/consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Hyperacusis Network (semi-annual newsletter)

International Deaf/Tek, Inc.

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Description:
International Deaf/Tek, Inc., provides the web site DEAFTEK(r) USA, which is focused on employment opportunities for deaf people and persons that serve this population. Organizations, agencies, schools, businesses, and other entities wishing to fill positions may send employment announcements at no charge to this web site. Employment opportunities will be posted according to category. Professional/consumer brochures.

International Hearing Society (IHS)

Executive Director: Robin Clowers, BC-HIS
Public Information Contact: Alice C. Markey, Executive Assistant for Consumer Affairs
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E-mail: rclowers@ihsinfo.org
Internet: www.ihsinfo.org

Description:
The International Hearing Society (IHS) was formed in 1951 as a professional organization of Hearing Instrument Specialists, the professionals who test hearing and select, fit, and dispense hearing instruments. The society conducts programs of competence qualification, education, and training and promotes specialty-level accreditation. The IHS sponsors a national Toll-free Hearing Aid Helpline, which provides consumer information and referrals to Hearing Instrument Specialists. Holds annual convention and exhibition; contact IHS for date and location. Consumer fact sheets and brochures.

Publications:
The Hearing Professional (bimonthly professional journal)

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

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Description:
The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. JAN is an information and consulting service that provides users with individualized solutions for workplace accommodations. JAN also provides information regarding the ADA, the

Rehabilitation Act, and other disability-related legislation. In addition, JAN consultants have access to a vast network of resources, organizations, support groups, government agencies, and more that can provide assistance to persons with disabilities. JAN is used primarily by employers, rehabilitation professionals, and individuals with disabilities. All services are free and confidential. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and professional reports. Some Spanish materials are available.

John Tracy Clinic

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Description:
John Tracy Clinic provides free services to parents with deaf and hard of hearing children, birth to five years. Holds annual professional conference; contact John Tracy Clinic for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications. Some Spanish materials are available.

League for the Hard of Hearing (LHH)

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Internet: www.lhh.org

Description:
The League offers people who are hard of hearing or deaf access to diagnostic, rehabilitation, counseling, and education programs.

The mission of this not-for-profit agency is to improve the quality of life for people with all degrees of hearing loss and to offer comprehensive services regardless of age or mode of communication. Established in 1910, the League provides services to more than 20,000 individuals and their families annually. Services include hearing assessment; hearing aid fitting and dispensing; speech-language and auditory evaluation and therapy; cochlear implant evaluation and training; assistive devices center; parent education and support; psychiatric, psychological, and educational evaluation and counseling; otology; career development and job placement services; research projects; and social and recreational groups. Outreach and public education programs include the Museum of Hearing, a library, the Center for Health Care Access, a.b.c. (Advocates for Better Communication), the Noise Center, and a speakers bureau. Holds monthly cochlear implant support group and other meetings; contact the League for dates and locations. Professional/consumer newsletters, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, monographs/books, audiovisuals, and reports. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

Executive Director: Jane Browning
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Description:
The Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) is a national nonprofit organization devoted to learning disabilities. The LDA is an information and referral service for both parents and professionals. Information packets are available on any type of learning disability. LDA has over 500 local chapters across the country, sponsors an annual conference, and offers membership. Professional journals, newsbriefs, and brochures. Some Spanish materials are available.

Mainstream, Inc.

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Internet: www.mainstreaminc.org

Description:
Mainstream, Inc., promotes the employment of people with disabilities and works with the disability, employer, and service provider communities to achieve this goal. Professional/consumer newsletter/bulletin available.

Media Access Group at WGBH

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Description:
The Media Access Group at WBGH consists of the Caption Center (CC), which provides captioning for television, multimedia, and feature films; the Descriptive Video Service (DVS), which creates audio descriptions for blind and visually impaired audiences; and the CPB/WGBH National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM), which promotes accessibility for classrooms, the World Wide Web, movie theaters, and more through ongoing research and development, outreach, and public policy initiatives. E-mail news updates and professional/consumer fact sheets. Some materials available in braille.

Publications:
Media Access (newsletter)

Monell Chemical Senses Center

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Description:
The Monell Chemical Senses Center is the world's only nonprofit basic research institute studying taste, smell, and chemical irritation. Its NIH-funded Chemosensory Clinical Research Center, in collaboration with Thomas Jefferson Hospital, evaluates individuals with chemosensory disorders. Monell has an active education and training program for senior scientists and postdoctoral and graduate students. Monell is a resource for information about the chemical senses for medical professionals, the media, and academia. General interest informational newsletter.

National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR)

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Description:
The National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) is dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and cure of autism spectrum disorders through biomedical research. NAAR also conducts conferences for parents and scientific working groups on issues of importance to autism research, provides fellowships to promising young scientists, and distributes educational materials.

Publications:
NARRATIVE (quarterly newsletter)

National AMBUCS, Inc.

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Description:
The mission of National AMBUCS, Inc., is to create opportunities for independence for people with disabilities. The organization meets its community service goal by providing scholarships for therapy students and therapeutic tricycles, called the AmTryke, for children with disabilities. Informational brochures available.

Publications:
AMBUCS Magazine (quarterly)

National Aphasia Association (NAA)

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Description:
Aphasia impairs a person's ability to speak or understand speech. Most people with aphasia also have difficulty reading and writing. However, intellect is not usually affected. The mission of the NAA is to reconnect people with aphasia into the community by educating the public about aphasia, promoting the development and use of community resources, and advocating on behalf of those who are left, literally, without a voice. Holds biennial conference; contact NAA for date and location. Professional/

consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Publications:
NAA Newsletter

National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc. (NASDSE)

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Description:
NASDSE is a not-for-profit organization established to promote and support education programs and related services for children and youth with disabilities in the United States and outlying areas. NASDSE provides services to state agencies to facilitate their efforts to maximize educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities. Holds annual meeting; contact NASDSE for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, brochures/pamphlets, and reports.

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

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Description:
Established in 1880, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is the nation's largest consumer organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications. The NAD focuses on grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, deafness-related informa-

tion and publications, legal assistance, policy development and research, public awareness, certification of interpreters, and youth leadership development. Holds biennial conference; contact NAD for date and location. Professional/consumer journal, newsletter, fact sheets, online publications, and monographs/books.

Publications:
NAD Broadcaster (monthly professional/consumer/newsletter), *Deaf American Monograph* (annual)

National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH)

Executive Director: M. Eugene Wiggins, M.S.
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Description:
NBASLH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the sharing of information about communication impairments and differences among Black people; professional development of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and students; and advocacy of quality service delivery to the Black community. Holds annual convention; contact NBASLH for date and location. Professional journal and newsletter/bulletin.

National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences (NBC-HIS)

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Description:
The National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences (NBC-HIS) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation established to develop and promulgate standards for eligibility of applicants for certification; to develop, process, administer, and score certification examinations based on research; and to award certification to successful applicants, who will then be designated "Board Certified in Hearing Instrument Sciences" by NBC-HIS. Professional directory, fact sheets, and online publications.

National Captioning Institute (NCI)

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Description:
The National Captioning Institute (NCI) is a nonprofit organization that provides closed-captioning service for television networks, program producers, cable-casters, producers of home entertainment videos, advertisers, and other organizations in the Federal and private sectors.

Publications:
Caption (annual newsletter)

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

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Description:
The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by learning disabilities (LD). Services include national information and referral, public outreach and communications, and legislative advocacy and public policy. NCLD's mission is to promote public awareness and understanding of learning disabilities and to provide national leadership on behalf of children and adults with LD so they may achieve their potential and enjoy full participation in society. Professional/consumer information packets and online newsletter.

Publications:
Our World (3 issues per year), *Get Ready to Read!* campaign

National Center for Neurogenic Communication Disorders (NCNCD)

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Description:
The National Center for Neurogenic Communication Disorders is one of the National Multipurpose Research and Training Centers sponsored by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Center personnel conduct research and provide training related to speech and language disorders caused by disease and injury to the nervous system. The Center sponsors continuing education programs for professionals and disseminates information to the public on topics related to culture and rehabilitation and the latest on treatment and prevention of neurogenic communication disorders. Online consumer publications. Some Spanish materials are available.

National Center for Voice and Speech (NCVS)

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Description:
The National Center for Voice and Speech (NCVS) is a consortium of institutions: the University of Iowa, the Denver Center for Performing Arts, the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and the University of Utah. NCVS research focuses on a better understanding of neurophysiological, biomechanic, anatomic, aerodynamic, and acoustic processes involved in speech and voice production. The organization is also dedicated to the training of scientists interested in careers in communications research, continuing education for clinicians, and dissemination of information to the general public. NCVS is one of the National Multipurpose Research and Training Centers supported by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Holds biennial phonosurgery conference; contact NCVS for date and location. Professional/consumer brochures/pamphlets, online publications, professional monographs/books, professional reports. Some Spanish and French materials are available.

National Cued Speech Association (NCSA)

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Description:
The National Cued Speech Association (NCSA) promotes the effective use of Cued Speech for communication, language acquisition in more than 50 languages, and literacy. Through publications, exhibits, family/professional learning vacations and confer-

ences, NCSA provides education, awareness, and support for people with language, hearing, speech, and learning needs, assisting their families and the professionals who serve them. NCSA sets standards of cueing and certifies instructors of Cued Speech. Professional/consumer brochures, books, audiovisuals, reports, and computer software/assisted educational materials.

Publications:
Cued Speech Journal (annual), *On Cue Newsflash* (bimonthly newsletter)

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB)

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Internet: www.NFADB.org

Description:
The National Family Association for the Deaf-Blind (NFADB) is founded on the belief that people who are deaf-blind are valued members of society and are entitled to the same opportunities and choices as other people. NFADB advocates for all people who are deaf-blind of any age and cognitive ability, supports national policy to benefit people who are deaf-blind, encourages the founding and strengthening of family organizations in each state, shares information related to deaf-blindness, provides resources and referrals, collaborates with professionals, and assists in the development of materials and training seminars that benefit family members. NFADB, a national nonprofit membership organization actively involved in national projects for the deaf-blind community to ensure consumer and family representation,

keeps abreast of current trends in service delivery. Holds annual meeting; contact NFADB for date and location. Brochure available.

Publications:
News from Advocates for Deaf-Blind (triannual membership newsletter)

National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)

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Description:
The National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA), an association of hearing conservation professionals, is dedicated to preventing hearing loss caused by noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society. NHCA's objectives are to provide professional development by improving its members' skills, practices, and services; to provide education and encourage research in hearing conservation and noise; to stimulate information exchange, disseminate information, and provide a resource center; to promote development of improved and more effective occupational hearing conservation programs; and to develop guidelines and monitor and participate in standards, and regulatory and legislative activity at local, national, and international levels. Holds annual conference; contact NHCA for date and location. Professional/consumer brochures available.
WISE EARS! Coalition Member

Publications:
Spectrum (quarterly newsletter)

National Information Center for Children/Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

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Internet: www.nichcy.org

Description:
The National Information Center for Children/Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY) is a national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. NICHCY's special focus is children and youth (birth to age 22). Services include personal responses to specific questions. NICHCY also makes available a wide variety of publications including fact sheets on specific disabilities, state resource sheets, parent guides, bibliographies, and the issue papers "News Digest" and "Transition Summary." Most publications can be printed off the Internet. You may also request documents in print, and publications are also available in alternative formats upon request. NICHCY can put people in touch with disability organizations, parent groups, and professional associations at the state and national levels, and provide an information search of the Center's databases and library for unique needs and concerns. Professional/consumer facts sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and reports. Materials are also available in Spanish, on disk, and as camera-ready originals.

National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind (DB-LINK)

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FAX: (503) 838–8150
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Internet: www.tr.wou.edu/dblink

Description:
DB-LINK identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information related to children and youth who are deaf-blind. Parents, service providers, administrators, and others interested in services are invited to contact DB-LINK for information. DB-LINK is a collaborative effort of the Helen Keller National Center, Perkins School for the Blind, and Teaching Research. DB-LINK is a co-sponsor of the publication *Deaf-Blind Perspectives*. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications. Some Spanish materials and materials in braille are available.

National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering (NIRE)

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Description:
The National Institute for Rehabilitation Engineering (NIRE) provides personalized information, counseling, and referrals to people with disabilities. NIRE's support services are available to people of all ages with hearing, speech, reading/writing, and/or communication disabilities. Although medical advice is not given, callers receive information on functional disabilities and assistive technology.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

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Description:
The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) is part of the National Institutes of Health. NIDCD supports and conducts research and research training on normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. NIDCD is committed to identifying strategies to prevent disease and promote health. The Institute conducts public education campaigns that aim to prevent disease, promote good health habits, and improve quality of life. NIDCD provides information and disseminates materials based on scientific discovery to educate the public and health professionals about its seven research areas in human communication. Holds advisory council and board of scientific counselors meetings; contact NIDCD for dates and locations. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures, monographs, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Information Clearinghouse

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Internet: www.nidcd.nih.gov

Description:
The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Information Clearinghouse, a service of NIDCD, is a national resource center for health information on hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language for health professionals, patients, industry, and the public. The clearinghouse collects and disseminates information through an information service; a computerized database on the Combined Health Information Database (CHID), which may be searched at chid.nih.gov; and the development and distribution of publications on the normal and disordered processes of human communication. Professional/consumer directory, fact sheets, brochures, online publications, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
Inside the NIDCD Information Clearinghouse (biannual newsletter)

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Internet: www.tbregistry.org

Description:
The NIDCD National Temporal Bone, Hearing, and Balance Pathology Resource Registry promotes research into hearing and balance disorders through the study of the temporal bone and related brain structures. The Registry maintains a computerized database of all U.S. temporal bone collections, disseminates information on temporal bone donation, enrolls individuals with hearing/balance disorders as temporal bone donors, educates professionals about temporal bone research, and conserves at-risk collections. Free searches of the Registry's database are available to interested otopathologic researchers. The Registry is sponsored by NIDCD. Professional/consumer newsletter, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Publications:
The Registry (semiannual consumer/professional newsletter)

National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation (NOHR)

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Description:
The National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation (NOHR) is a nonprofit private foundation. NOHR grant proposals target innovative auditory projects and are reviewed by members of NOHR's Scientific Review Committee. The most important review criteria for research proposals are scientific value and potential to yield significant new insights into the field of auditory science. NOHR's main objective is to expand research to increase understanding of normal and diseased hearing and deafness. Research into the regeneration of sensory hair cells of the inner ear is a funding priority; however, all qualified research into the prevention, causes, treatments, and cures of hearing loss and deafness is supported. Professional reports, online publications, and grant applications. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)

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Internet: www.rarediseases.org

Description:
The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) is a nonprofit voluntary health agency that acts as a clearinghouse for information on rare disorders. A rare disorder is a disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 Americans. Cumulatively, there are more than 5,000 rare diseases affecting more than 20 million Americans. NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare diseases through education, advocacy, research, and service programs. NORD's networking program links individuals with the same or similar rare health conditions. Rare diseases include neurofibromatosis, Niemann-Pick disease, and Usher syndrome type 2. Holds annual patient-family conference; contact NORD for date and location. Newsletter, reports, fact sheets, and brochures.

Publications:
Physicians Guide to Rare Diseases (book)

National Parent Network on Disabilities (NPND)

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Description:
NPND provides a presence and voice at the national level for ALL parents and families of children, youth, and adults with disabilties. Press releases, alerts, and a general newsletter.

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)

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Description:
The National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) is a library and information center focusing on disability and rehabilitation research. NARIC's collection contains more than 50,000 documents, both federally funded and commercially produced. NARIC's information specialists provide quick information and referrals, customized database searching, and document delivery. Internet users can access NARIC's database, calendars, and bul-

letins at the NARIC web site. Referral sheets, general information packets, and customized literature searches.

National Service Dog Center (NSDC)

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Description:
The National Service Dog Center (NSDC), a department of the Delta Society, provides information about the selection, training, stewardship, and roles of service dogs; referral to service dog training programs and related resources; education for businesses, health care professionals, and the general public on service dog issues; research assistance through a resource library and network of professional experts; and advocacy on behalf of people with service dogs. Holds annual conference; contact NSDC for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures, and computer software/assisted education.

National STD and AIDS Hotlines (NSTDAH)

Address: American Social Health Association, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
Toll-free: (800) 342–2437 or (800) 227–8922
Toll-free (Spanish): (800) 344-7432
TTY: (800) 243–7889
FAX: (919) 361–8425
E-mail: HIVNET@ASHASTD.org
Internet: www.ASHASTD.org

Description:
The CDC National STD and AIDS Hotlines (NSTDAH) serve as national resources for questions about prevention, risk, treatment, and other STD-related concerns. In addition to HIV, ASHA's Health Communication Specialists answer calls on more than 20

sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including herpes, syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, trichomoniasis, pelvic inflammatory disease, and other related conditions. NSTDAH also provides services and referrals through its Spanish service and TTY service for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, the hotlines offer a Group Calls Program, which allows callers to turn a call into a group learning experience through the use of a speaker phone. This program has been used to provide STD/AIDS education to a range of professionals and members of the general public, including classroom students, educators, health care workers, parents, and faith community groups. Consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, videos, and online publications. Some Spanish materials are available.

National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association, Inc. (NSDA)

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Description:
The primary purposes of the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association (NSDA) are to increase public awareness of spasmodic dysphonia and to promote the care, welfare, and rehabilitation of those who have the disease through education and support of research. NSDA promotes education about spasmodic dysphonia in the medical community and in the general public. Holds annual meeting; contact NSDA for date and location. Professional/consumer brochures, fact sheets, books, and audiovisuals.

Publications:
NSDA Newsletter

National Stuttering Association (NSA)

Executive Director: Annie Bradberry
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Internet: www.nsastutter.org

Description:
The National Stuttering Association (NSA) is a national network of support groups created to meet the needs of children and adults who stutter. NSA offers information and support, provides referrals to specialists, serves as an advocate for the stuttering community, and raises the consciousness of the general public about the disorder. Holds annual convention; contact NSA for date and location. Professional and consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and books.

Publications:
Letting Go (monthly newsletter), *Stutter Buddies* (quarterly newsletter for ages 6 to 12)

National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID)

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Description:
NTID, a college of the Rochester Institute of Technology, is the world's first and largest technological college for deaf students. It represents the first concerted effort to educate large numbers of deaf students within a university of hearing students. Of RIT's 14,000 students, 1,000 are deaf or hard of hearing. Established in 1965, NTID welcomed its first class of 71 students in 1968 and

began accepting international students in 1990. NTID offers diplomas, certificates, and associate degrees in 30 technological and professional programs through its Center for Arts and Sciences and Center for Technical Studies. More than 43 percent of NTID students are enrolled in RIT's six other colleges where they have 200 majors available to them. Through the Center for Baccalaureate and Graduate Studies, students enjoy access to faculty and staff who use sign language, 100 interpreters, note takers, speech-to-text technology, and other support services to foster their success. Professional journal, newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, monographs/books, and computer software/assisted education.

Network for Autism and Hearing Impairments

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Description:
The Network provides a database for parents and professionals to share experiences and advice on education, services, and management problems. One long-term goal is the establishment of regional resource and evaluation centers for people with autism and hearing and visual disabilities. Directory available.

Neurofibromatosis, Inc. (NF, Inc.)

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Description:
Neurofibromatosis, Inc. (NF, Inc.), is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to all people affected by the neurofibromatoses and related disorders. NF Inc. distributes materials on neurofibromatosis type I (NF-1) and Type II (NF-2); promotes national,

state, and local community involvement; supports research; has a governing board with NF-2 representation; and provides real time captioning at meetings. A toll-free helpline and web site give access to peer counseling and information 24 hours a day. Professional/consumer newsletter, fact sheets, professional directory, and online publications. Some Spanish materials are available.

NISH

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Description:
NISH is a national nonprofit organization, established in 1974 as part of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act, whose mission is to create employment opportunities for individuals with severe disabilities by securing Federal contracts. NISH has a network of more than 500 community rehabilitation agencies that produce quality products and provide a variety of services to Federal customers nationwide. NISH is committed to helping its associated agencies succeed in providing employment opportunities to individuals with severe disabilities. For many community rehabilitation programs (CRPs), government procurement and the JWOD Program represent unfamiliar territory. For this reason, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled designated NISH to provide CRPs and Federal partners with the tools they need for successful contract management. In FY 2000, more than 36,000 individuals with severe disabilities were employed through JWOD contracts.

Noise Pollution Clearinghouse (NPC)

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Description:
The mission of the Noise Pollution Clearinghouse (NPC) is to create more civil cities and more natural rural and wilderness areas by reducing noise pollution at the source. NPC seeks to raise awareness about noise pollution; create, collect, and distribute resources on noise pollution; and establish networks among environmental, professional, medical, governmental, citizen, and activist groups working on noise pollution issues. Consumer fact sheets and brochures.

Postsecondary Education Programs Network (PEPNet)

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Internet: www.pepnet.org

Description:
The Postsecondary Education Programs Network (PEPNet) promotes opportunities for the four Regional Postsecondary Education Centers for Individuals Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to collaborate on activities and programs nationally.

The centers, supported by the U.S. Department of Education, assist postsecondary educational institutions that provide access and accommodations to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The regional centers are located in St. Paul, Minnesota (MCPO); Rochester, New York (NETAC); Knoxville, Tennessee (PEC); and Northridge, California (WROCC). The PEPNet Resource Center, located at California State University, Northridge, houses and loans information, training materials, and videotapes developed by the four regional centers. Professional brochures/pamphlets, professional online publications, audiovisuals, and online training. Some materials available in American Sign Language.

Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis Foundation (RRPF)

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Description:
The Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis Foundation (RRPF) was created to provide family support, promote public awareness, and aid in the prevention, cure, and treatment of recurrent respiratory papillomatosis. The organization focuses primarily on networking within the RRP community, including patients, families, medical practitioners, and researchers. Its goal is to stimulate more RRP-related research that may lead to more effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for this disease. Professional/consumer brochures/pamphlets.

Publications:
RRP Newsletter

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID)

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Description:
The mission of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID), is to provide international, national, regional, state, and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English. Holds biennial conference; contact RID for date and location. Professional journal, newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures, and books.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)

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Description:
The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) is an interdisciplinary association for the advancement of rehabilitation and assistive technologies. Members range from rehabilitation professionals to providers and consumers. RESNA is dedicated to promoting the exchange of ideas and information for the advancement of assistive technology. Holds annual meeting; contact RESNA for date and location. RESNA also administers a Federal technical assistance grant that provides technical assistance and information to each

of the 50 states and U.S. territories funded under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. Professional books and audiovisuals are available. Materials available in alternative formats upon request.

Publications:
RESNA News (bimonthly professional newsletter), *Assistive Technology* (semiannual professional journal)

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for Persons Who Are Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened (RRTC)

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Description:
The Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for Persons Who Are Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened (RRTC) is composed of a multidisciplinary team of professionals and funded by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. RRTC's primary focus is on maintaining employment status and addressing the personal adjustment needs of persons who are hard of hearing or late deafened. Professional/consumer directory, brochures, reports, and videos.

Rocky Mountain Taste and Smell Center (RMTSC)

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Description:
The Rocky Mountain Taste and Smell Center brings together a group of established investigators examining the fundamental cellular processes that underlie the chemical senses, including their dysfunctions and clinical implications. The Program Project includes collaborative, multifaceted studies on the neurobiology of the senses of taste and smell in humans, as well as in a variety of vertebrate animal models. Since its inception, the center has maintained its mission as an interdisciplinary effort aimed at elucidating basic biological and clinical problems related to chemical senses. The Center receives support from NIDCD.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH)

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Description:
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH), is an international volunteer organization composed of people who are hard of hearing and their relatives and friends. SHHH is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well but are committed to participating in the hearing world. Holds annual convention and National Day of Hearing Screening awareness campaign; contact SHHH for

date and location. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures, books, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available.
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Publications:
Hearing Loss: The Journal of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People

Sertoma International

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Description:
Sertoma International (SERvice TO MAnkind) is a volunteer service organization of 25,000 members in 750 clubs across North America. Its primary focus is communication disorders, but its clubs also sponsor projects in national heritage, youth, and other community needs. Sertoma offers scholarships for graduate study in audiology and speech pathology and for undergraduate students with hearing loss pursuing degrees in any field. Holds annual convention; contact Sertoma for date and location. Professional online publications available.

Publications:
The Sertoman Magazine

Society of Ear, Nose, and Throat Advances in Children (SENTAC)

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Description:
The Society of Ear, Nose, and Throat Advances in Children (SENTAC) is an interdisciplinary professional society of health professionals who share an interest in ear, nose, and throat diseases in children, including communication disorders. The annual meeting provides a forum for the presentation and exchange of ideas and information. Membership includes physicians, nurses, speech therapists, audiologists, and social workers. Contact SENTAC for date and location of annual meeting. Professional newsletter, directory, and brochures.

Society of Hearing Impaired Physicians (SHIP)

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Description:
The Society of Hearing Impaired Physicians (SHIP) aids and assists physicians, other health professionals, medical students, and prospective medical students whose hearing impairment may necessitate different tools or approaches to medical practice and training. Holds annual meeting; contact SHIP for date and location. A newsletter is available.

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. (SOHN)

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Description:
The Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. (SOHN), an organization of professional registered nurses, promotes continuing education in the field of otorhinolaryngology nursing and professional standards of clinical practice and

research. Holds annual congress and symposium; contact SOHN for date and location. Professional newsletter/bulletin, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and monographs/books. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Publications:
ORL-Head and Neck Nursing (quarterly journal), *The Update* (newsletter, six issues per year)

Speak Easy International Foundation, Inc. (SEIF)

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Description:
The Speak Easy International Foundation (SEIF) is dedicated to supporting those who have the speech dysfluency commonly known as stuttering. The Foundation seeks to motivate, instill confidence, enhance self-image, reinforce fluency, act as an advocacy group, encourage family and friends of people who stutter to become cognizant of the speech-dysfluent individual's plight and problems, educate the public, and assist all its members in attaining a viable status in society. Holds annual symposium and retreat; contact SEIF for dates and locations. Brochures/pamphlets available.

Publications:
The Speak Easy Newsletter (quarterly)

State University of New York (SUNY) Smell and Taste Disorders Clinic

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Description:
The Smell and Taste Disorders Clinic provides patient evaluation and treatment. It serves as a tertiary care facility, accepting referrals from physicians. The clinic also welcomes direct patient inquiries. Online consumer publications.

Stuttering Foundation of America (SFA)

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Description:
The Stuttering Foundation of America (SFA) provides help and support to those who stutter and their families and to professionals through videotapes; books; brochures; workshops and conferences; comprehensive, up-to-date, accurate information on stuttering; and support for research. Professional/consumer newsletter, quarterly bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, monographs/books, computer software/assistance education, audiovisuals, reports, and videotapes. Some materials are also available in Spanish, French, and Italian.

Taking Action Against Language Disorders for Kids (T.A.L.K.)

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Description:
Taking Action Against Language Disorders for Kids (T.A.L.K.) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information, resources, support, and advocacy to families of children with language disorders, as well as the public, medical professionals, and educators. Its aims are to increase public awareness of language

disorders and to serve as a voice for children with speech and language disorders in order to ensure that appropriate programs, services, information, and support for these children remain a priority in all communities.

TASH

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Description:
TASH is an international association of people with disabilities, their family members, other advocates, and professionals who work in the disability field. The association promotes the full participation of people with disabilities in integrated community settings that support the same quality of life available to people without disabilities. TASH provides information and referral resources; renders targeted advocacy; produces a monthly newsletter and quarterly journal; and sponsors an annual conference and topical workshops.

TDI

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Description:
The mission of TDI (formerly Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.) is to promote equal access to telecommunications and

media for people who are deaf, late-deafened, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. TDI accomplishes its mission by consumer advocacy, public education, and policymaking strategies with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, and other government agencies. Holds biennial conference; contact TDI for date and location. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures, and books.

Publications:
GA-SK Newsletter (quarterly), *National Directory of TTY Numbers* (annual)

Testing, Evaluation, and Certification Unit, Inc. (TECUnit)

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Description
The Testing, Evaluation, and Certification Unit, Inc. (TECUnit), is the national certifying body for transliterators who work primarily between spoken English and cued English. Toward this end, the TECUnit administers the Cued Language Transliterator National Certification Examination (CLTNCE). The TECUnit has also developed an assessment tool for use by state agencies. The Cued Language Transliterator State Level Assessment (CLT-SLA) is administered by the agency within a given state responsible for regulating the quality of interpreting and transliterating services in keeping with state mandates (e.g., quality assurance screenings and state licensure). The TECUnit also administers standardized tests designed to assess expressive and receptive cueing proficiency. Ultimately, the TECUnit is responsible for establishing, maintaining, and promulgating national standards for the profession of cued language transliteration. A working code of conduct, derived with regard for both educational and community settings, is central to its mission. Professional fact sheets and online publications.

United States Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC)

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Description:
The purposes of the United States Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC) are to enhance the communication effectiveness of people who can benefit from augmentative and alternative communication and to support the goals of the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC). The specific purposes of USSAAC are to assist individuals in their right to communicate, allowing full participation in society; promote public awareness; influence national and state public policy and legislation; disseminate legislative, regulatory, and funding information; facilitate high-quality service delivery; and promote transdisciplinary professional education. Holds annual conference; contact USSAAC for date and location. Directory and professional/consumer brochures.

Publications:
The USSAAC Newsletter (quarterly)

University of Pennsylvania Smell and Taste Center

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Description:
The University of Pennsylvania Smell and Taste Center has three primary goals: to provide clinical evaluation, treatment, and counseling for patients experiencing smell and taste disorders; to provide facilities and intellectual focus for research in basic and applied aspects of chemosensation; and to provide training for students, doctoral-level scientists, and other professionals inter-

ested in chemoreception sciences. Professional/consumer brochures available.

Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA)

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Description:
The Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA) is a nonprofit organization that provides information to people with vestibular disorders, such as labyrinthitis, benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, Ménière's disease, and perilymph fistula. Frequently reported symptoms of these disorders include dizziness, unsteadiness or imbalance, vertigo, nausea, and, in some cases, hearing loss and/or tinnitus. Consumer newsletter/bulletin, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, monographs/books, and audiovisuals. Some Spanish materials are available.

Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center (VMBHRC)

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Description:
The Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center (VMBHRC) at the University of Washington is dedicated to interdisciplinary research on hearing, hearing loss, and related communication disorders. The Center serves professionals and the public with continuing medical education conferences and provides speakers for various organizations and support groups.
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The Voice Foundation

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E-mail: voicefound@onrampcom.org
Internet: www.voicefoundation.org

Description:
The goal of the Voice Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation organized in 1969, is to understand the human voice, thereby improving its quality and care. This understanding is achieved through funding research, enhancing education with respect to the human voice, and disseminating this knowledge internationally. Holds annual symposium; contact the Voice Foundation for date and location. Professional/consumer newsletter/bulletin, directory, fact sheets, online publications, monographs/books, and audiovisuals.

Publications:
Journal of Voice (quarterly)

WISE EARS! A Public Education Campaign To Prevent Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

Directors: Marin P. Allen, Ph.D., Chief, Office of Health Communication and Public Liaison, NIDCD
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FAX: (301) 402–0018
E-mail: OHCPLmail-r@mail.nih.gov
Internet: www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/wise/

Description:
WISE EARS!, sponsored by NIDCD and NIOSH, is a collaborative public education campaign that aims to prevent noise-induced hearing loss among workers and the general public.

Coalition members include more than 80 voluntary and professional organizations, unions, businesses, children-focused organizations, and local, state, and Federal agencies committed to hearing preservation. A list of these organizations appears on page 101.

World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)

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Internet: www.wfdnews.org

Description:
The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) was established in Rome, Italy, in 1951. WFD is dedicated to promoting the human and social rights of people who are deaf, advocating their full participation in society, equalizing opportunities, strengthening the status of sign language, advancing educational opportunities for people who are deaf, promoting their access to information, and stimulating the efforts of national associations of the deaf in an effort to improve the overall situation of deaf communities in every country. WFD disseminates information, resolutions, and recommendations to its members, partners, and concerned authorities. WFD has consultative status in the United Nations, through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). WFD also regularly works with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and is represented on the Panel of Experts to the Social Rapporteur for the UN Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities. WFD works closely with other disability organizations through the International Disability Alliance (IDA). The WFD Youth Section (WFDYS) works with member organizations and other international organizations on matters of interest to deaf youth. The WFDYS president is Joe Murray (same contact details as above). The World Congress of the WFD takes place every four years, and the

WFD sometimes organizes smaller conferences between World Congresses. The Board of the WFD meets at least once a year. WFD's Youth Camp takes place every four years, immediately prior to the World Congress, and the Junior Youth Camp takes place every four years, in years between the World Congresses. For further information on conferences, camps, or meetings, please contact WFD directly. A manual on establishing and running an organization of the deaf, video on international signs on human rights, and informational materials are available.

Publications:
WFD News, WFD Survey Report on Deaf People in the Developing World, WFD Report on the Status of Sign Language

Federal Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Director: John M. Eisenberg, M.D.
Public Information Contact: Kathryn Ramage
Address: 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 501, Rockville, MD 20852
Voice: (301) 594–1364, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
TTY: (888) 586–6340
Toll-free: (800) 358–9295
E-mail: info@ahrq.gov
Internet: www.ahrq.gov

Description:
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality provides practical health care information, research findings, and data to help consumers, health providers, health insurers, researchers, and policymakers make informed decisions about health care issues. Professional/consumer newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and professional reports. Some Spanish materials are available.

CDC National STD & AIDS Hotline TTY Service

Address: American Social Health Association, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
Voice: (919) 361–8400
TTY: (919) 361–8454
Toll-free TTY: (800) 243–7889
FAX: (919) 361–4855
E-mail: jeasut@ashastd.org
Internet: www.ashastd.org

Description:
The CDC National STD & AIDS Hotline TTY Service offers specially trained operators who answer questions about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. The service also partners with the CDC National Immunization Information Hotline and is able to answer questions about immunizations. Operators are skilled in American Sign Language (ASL), English,

and Spanish. Consumer fact sheets, brochures, and newsletters. Some materials are available in ASL and Spanish.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Address: 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850
Voice: (410) 786–3000
Medicare Toll-free: 1–800–MEDICARE
Medicaid: State contact numbers available on the web site
Internet: www.cms.gov

Description:
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is a Federal agency whose responsibilities include the Medicare and Medicaid programs, two national health care programs benefiting about 75 million Americans; the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), a program covering many of the approximately 10 million uninsured children in the United States; regulation of all non-research laboratory testing performed on humans in the United States; and programs assisting millions of Americans and small companies in obtaining health insurance coverage. Consumer newsletter and fact sheets on Medicare/Medicaid coverage and services for certain disorders/diseases are available.

Clearinghouse on Disability Information

Director of Communications and Media Support Services: Juliette Rizzo
Public Information Contact: Carolyn Corlett, Technical Information Assistant
Address: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services, CMSS 330, C Street, SW., Room 3132, Washington, DC 20202–2524
Voice: (202) 205–8241
TTY: (202) 205–4208
FAX: (202) 401–2608
Internet: www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS

Description:
The Clearinghouse on Disability Information, a service of the U.S. Department of Education, provides information to people with disabilities by researching and providing documents in response to inquiries. This information covers Federal funding for disability-related programs and may be useful to disabled individuals and their families, schools and universities, teachers and school administrators, and organizations having persons with disabilities as clients.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Director: Lucille B. Beck, Ph.D.
Public Information Contact: Cathy Greener
Address: VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, NW., Washington, DC 20422
Voice: (202) 745–8578, 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Eastern time
TTY: (202) 745–8270
FAX: (202) 745–8579
E-mail: cathy.greener@med.va.gov
Internet: www.washington.med.va.gov/audio-speech/index.htm

Description:
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides services for veterans who have hearing, speech, language, or balance problems. *WISE EARS! Coalition Member*

Disability Rights Office, Federal Communications Commission (FCC-CIB-DRO)

Chief: Ms. Pamela Gregory
Public Information Contact: Jenifer Simpson, Telecommunications Accessibility Specialist
Address: 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554
Voice: (202) 418–2517, 9:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
TTY: (202) 418–0189
Toll-free: (888) 225–5322
FAX: (202) 418–1414
E-mail: access@fcc.gov
Internet: www.fcc.gov/cib/dro

Description:
The Disabilities Rights Office (DRO), housed within the Consumer Information Bureau (CIB) at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), ensures that FCC actions and policies enable people with disabilities to have the same access as everyone else to telecommunications. DRO implements mandates for nationwide telephone relay services, access to telecommunications wireline and wireless products and services, televised emergency access, and closed captioning and video description of television programming. The FCC is an independent Federal agency directly responsible to the U.S. Congress and charged with establishing policies to govern interstate and international communications by television, radio, wire, satellite, and cable. Professional and consumer newsletter, directory, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, reports, and public notices.

Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ-DRS)

Address: P.O. Box 66738 Washington, DC 20035
Voice: (202) 514–0301, 10:00 a.m.–6 p.m., Eastern time (M, W, F), 1:00 p.m.–6 p.m., Eastern time (TH)
Toll-free: (800) 514–0301
TTY Toll-free: (800) 514–0383
FAX: (202) 514–0404
Internet: www.usdoj.gov/crt/drs/drshome.htm

Description:
The Disability Rights Section (DRS) is part of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. DRS focuses on all disabilities and is especially knowledgeable in how disabilities relate to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The organization offers a toll-free information line for all inquiries and assistance at the national level to state and local government entities, private sector business professionals, and the general public. Professional and consumer newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications. Some materials in Spanish and other languages available.

ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education

Director: Cassandra Peters-Johnson, Ph.D.
Address: 1110 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22201–5704
Voice: (703) 264–9472, 9:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
Toll-free/TTY: (800) 328–0272
FAX: (703) 620–2521
E-mail: ericec@cec.sped.org
Internet: www.ericec.org

Description:
ERIC is an acronym for the Educational Resources Information Center. The ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education (ERIC EC) is one of 16 federally funded clearinghouses in the ERIC System, a national information network sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI), and administered by the National Library of Education (NLE). ERIC EC gathers and disseminates professional literature, information, and resources on the education and development of individuals of all ages who have disabilities and/or who are gifted. Professional and consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

Publications:
ERIC Digests

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog (MVS), U.S. General Services Administration

Chief: Donna Davis
Address: 300 7th Street, SW.–Reporters Building, Room 101, Washington, DC 20407
Voice: (202) 708–5126, 8:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
Toll-free: (800) 669–8331
FAX: (202) 401–8233
Internet: www.cfda.gov

Description:
The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* is the single authority on all Federal assistance programs administered by the Federal government. Information is published annually in June (hard copy); CD–ROMs are published each June and December. The catalog web site is updated at least twice a year. New program information is posted on the web site as it is received.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Director: Edward J. Sondik, Ph.D.
Address: 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Voice: (301) 458–4636, 8:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
FAX: (301) 458–4027
E-mail: www.cdc.gov/nchs/mail/mail.htm
Internet: www.cdc.gov/nchs

Description:
The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, provides a broad-based program to compile statistical information to guide policies to improve the health of the American people. Holds annual conference; contact NCHS for date and location. Professional and consumer brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and reports.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Acting Director: Kathleen Rest, Ph.D.
Public Information Contact: Fred Blosser, Public Affairs Director
Address: 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 715 H, Washington, DC 20201
Voice Toll-free: (800) 356–4674, 9:00 a.m–4 p.m., Eastern time
FAX: (202) 260–1898
E-mail: MRL1@cdc.gov
Internet: www.cdc.gov/niosh/

Description:
Noise-induced hearing loss is one of the most common workplace diseases and the second most self-reported occupational illness or injury. Industries with high numbers of exposed workers include agriculture, mining, construction, manufacturing and utilities, transportation, and the military. NIOSH conducts a vigorous research and prevention program to assist employers and workers to ensure the protection of workers' hearing. Holds annual conference; contact NIOSH for date and location. Professional and consumer newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, monographs, audiovisuals, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available.
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National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

(See page 63 of Organizational Descriptions and Contact Information.)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) Information Clearinghouse

(See page 64 of Organizational Descriptions and Contact Information.)

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

Address: 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202
Voice: (202) 205–8134, 9:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
TTY: (202) 205–4475
FAX: (202) 205–8515
Internet: www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/NIDRR

Description:
NIDRR is a component of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) of the U.S. Department of Education. NIDRR provides support for a comprehensive program of national and international research into all aspects of the rehabilitation of people with disabilities and their successful integration into education, work, and community life. NIDRR supports Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers,

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers, Field Initiated Research Projects, Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects, Disability Business and Technical Assistance Centers, Assistive Technology Programs, and international activities. NIDRR also administers the Interagency Committee on Disability Research. Grants are to institutions of higher education and qualified organizations. The fellowship program provides grants to individuals with advanced rehabilitation credentials. Professional and consumer directory, brochures/pamphlets, and reports.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Assistant Secretary: John Henshaw
Address: 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N–3647, Washington, DC 20210
Voice: (202) 693–1999, 8:00 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
FAX: (202) 693–1634
Internet: www.osha.gov

Description:
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a division of the U.S. Department of Labor, is the lead Federal organization devoted to protecting the health of America's workers. OSHA produces and enforces protective standards for occupational safety while working with employers and employees through technical assistance and consultation programs. OSHA also strives to create effective safety and health programs in which both employers and employees participate. OSHA publishes a variety of publications related to their endeavors. Professional newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and audiovisuals. Some Spanish materials are available.

Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

Address: 1331 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004
Voice: (202) 376–6200, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
TTY: (202) 376–6205
FAX: (202) 376–6219
E-mail: infoODEP@dol.gov
Internet: www2.dol.gov/dol/odep/

Description:
The mission of ODEP, under the leadership of an Assistant Secretary, is to bring a heightened and permanent long-term focus to the goal of increasing employment of persons with disabilities. This will be achieved through policy analysis, technical assistance, and development of best practices, as well as outreach, education, constituent services, and promoting ODEP's mission among employers. Professional/consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Office of Special Education Programs

Acting Director: Patricia J. Guard
Address: 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202
Voice: (202) 260–0416, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern time
FAX: (202) 260–0416
Internet: www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS/OSEP

Description:
The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is dedicated to improving results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 by providing leadership and financial support to assist states and local districts. The Individuals with Disabilities Act authorizes formula grants to states and discretionary grants to institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations to support research, demonstrations, technical assistance and dissemination, technology and personnel development, and parent-training and information centers. Professional and consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, online publications, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available.

Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults With Disabilities (PTFEAD)

Acting Executive Director: William McKinnon, Ph.D.
Public Information Contact: Latoya Plater
Address: 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210
Voice: (202) 693–4939
Toll-free: (800) 693–4938
TTY: (202) 693–4920
FAX: (202) 693–4929
E-mail: Mckinnon-William@dol.gov
Internet: www.dol.gov/_sec/programs/ptfead/main.htm

Description:
The Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults With Disabilities (PTFEAD) was created to evaluate existing Federal programs to determine what changes, modifications, and innovations may be necessary to remove barriers to employment opportunities faced by adults with disabilities. Some of the areas PTFEAD reviews include reasonable accommodations, inadequate access to health care, lack of consumer-driven, long-term supports and services, transportation, accessible and integrated housing, telecommunications, assistive technology, community services, child care, education, vocational rehabilitation, training services, employment retention, promotion and discrimination, on-the-job supports, and economic incentives to work. Holds annual meeting; contact PTFEAD for date and location. Professional fact sheets and brochures/pamphlets.

Rehabilitation Services Administration, Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch (RSA-DCDB)

Commissioner: Joanne Wilson
Branch Chief: Annette Reichman, M.S.
Address: 330 C Street, SW., MES Building, Room 3228, Washington, DC 20202–2736
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TTY: (202) 205–8352
FAX: (202) 205–9340
E-mail: Annette.Reichman@ed.gov
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Description:
The goal of the Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch (DCDB) is the promotion of improved and expanded rehabilitation services for individuals from diverse backgrounds who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, or deaf-blind. Activities involved in working toward this goal are leadership and liaison with national organizations, agencies, and institutions concerned with deafness and communicative disorders; development of policies and standards that improve state rehabilitation agencies' work with persons with hearing loss, deafness, or communicative disorders; provision of technical assistance to rehabilitation services administration staff in both central and regional offices; and dissemination of relevant information. Annual report and professional/consumer brochures.

Publications:
American Rehabilitation (quarterly)

United States Environmental Protection Agency/ Office of Pesticide Programs/ Pesticide Incident Response Office (USEPA-OPP-PIRO)

Governor: Christine Todd Whitman
Public Information Contact: Frank L. Davido, M.S.
Address: USEPA-OPP (Division Mail Code), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460
Voice: (703) 305–7576, 6:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Eastern time
Toll-free: (800) 858–7378
FAX: (703) 305–4646
E-mail: davido.frank@epa.gov
Internet: www.epa.gov/pesticides/

Description:
The U.S. E.P.A., Office of Pesticide Information's Pesticide Incident Response Office (PIRO) serves as a source of pesticide incident information. PIRO responds to pesticide-related incidents and provides timely assistance to individuals exposed. The office is also part of the National Pesticide Information Network (NPTN), a toll-free service that provides information on pesticide products; recognition and management of pesticide poisonings; and toxicology, symptomatic, and health information. The telephone number is (800) 858–7378. Professional and con-

sumer newsletter/bulletin, fact sheets, online publications, and reports. Some Spanish materials are available.

The National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (NPTN) is a toll-free telephone and web-based information service that is a joint project of Oregon State University and the U.S. E.P.A. The mission of NPTN is to deliver objective, science-based information about pesticide-related issues for the purpose of supporting informed decision-making. Pesticide specialists answer calls from both the public and professionals throughout the United States on a variety of pesticide-related topics, such as pesticide chemistry, toxicology, health effects, and environmental fate. Professional and consumer fact sheets, brochures/pamphlets, and online publications.

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Address: Oregon State University, 333 Weniger Hall, Corvalis, OR 97331–6502
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Fax: (541) 737–0761
E-mail: ntpn@ace.orst.edu
Internet: nptn.orst.edu

WISE EARS! A Public Education Campaign To Prevent Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

(See page 86 of Organizational Descriptions and Contact Information.)

WISE EARS! Coalition Member Organizations

Through its materials and web site, WISE EARS! provides a gateway to information for the general public, workers, children, and teachers. The web site highlights activities of coalition members and links to their web sites. Fact sheets for professionals and consumers, an activity sheet for children, an educational resource guide, and some Spanish language materials are available as well. These partnering organizations are indicated either in the Directory or on the NIDCD web site.

AARP

Academy of Dispensing Audiologists (ADA)

Acoustical Society of America (ASA)

AIHA Noise Committee

Air Force Audiology Association

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (A.G. Bell)

American Academy of Audiology (AAA)

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASH)

American Tinnitus Association (ATA)

Andrews AFB

Associates in Acoustics, Inc.

Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)

Better Hearing Institute (BHI)

Bruel, Bertrand Johnson Acoustics, Inc.

Call For Action

Center for Hearing and Speech

Center for Hearing Health

Dalloz Safety

Deafness Research Foundation (DRF)

Department of Veterans Affairs

EA, Acoustical Engineering Inc. & The Classroom Acoustics Special Interest Group Inc.

The EAR Foundation

E-A-R Hearing Protection Products

Educational Audiology Association

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc.

Ford Motor Company

4-H Youth Development

Girl Scouts of the USA

Hearing Aid Music Foundation

Hearing Education and Awareness for Rockers (H.E.A.R.)

Hearing Health Magazine

HIP Magazine, Inc.

House Ear Institute (HEI)

Howard Leight Industries

Hyperacusis Network

Indian Health Service (IHS)

Iowa Department of Public Health

James, Anderson & Associates

The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions KIDSNET

Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America

League for the Hard of Hearing (LHH)

Madigan Army Medical Center

Michigan State University

Military Audiology Association

National Campaign for Hearing Health (NCHH)

National Center for Environmental Health/CDC

National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation

National Public Health Information Coalition

NeatNoise Hearing Conservation Services

NIH Hispanic Initiative

Office of Research Services (ORS)

Oregon Health Licensing Office

Oregon Hearing Research Center

Safe@Work

Safe Hearing America

St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH)

Sight & Hearing Association

Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses, Inc. (SOHN)

Solutia, Inc.

Starkey Hearing Foundation

3M Occupational Health and Environmental Safety Division

3M Occupational Medicine Department

USAF School of Aerospace Medicine

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine

University of Iowa Health Care

University of Kansas Intercampus Program in Communication Disorders

University of Michigan

Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center (VMBHRC)

Washington Audiology Services, Inc.

Wayne State University

Worker's Compensation Board of British Columbia

Your Contact Notes

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Other Communication Disorders
National Institutes of Health
U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services
Public Health Service
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